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For the second section (Tumkur bypass), applications for prequalification of contractors have been received and are under evaluation.

(c) The existing Right-of-Way varies from 30m to 45m. Additional land of 121 acres and 10 guntas is required for the project and has been notified for acquisition.

(d) Yes, Sir. There is a deviation near T-Begur and land width of 30m on the right side of the existing NH-4 is being acquired.

National Highways in Orissa

2990. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the length of National Highways in Orissa;
- (b) whether these are in very bad shape;
- (c) the amount allocated to the State to repair its National Highways; and
- (d) whether any monitoring mechanism has been devised by the Central Government to see that the funds sanctioned so are properly used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI): (a) Length of National Highways in Orissa is 3301 kms.

(b) These are being maintained in traffic worthy condition out of the available resources.

(c) A sum of Rs. 36.37 crore has been allocated under Maintenance and Repair during the year 2000-01.

(d) This Ministry monitors the physical and financial progress of the works by conducting periodic review meetings with the State PWDs and site inspections to ensure proper progress and utilization of funds.